GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
LOK SABHA

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SONGS AND DANCE PROGRAMMES
Wanaga Shri Chintaman Navsha

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether North-Eastern States songs and dance festival had been held in New Delhi recently under the North-Eastern Council;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the tribals from eight States participated in the said cultural events; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

The Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (Dr. Jitendra Singh)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. A cultural festival called 'Songs and Dances of North East' was organized on 11th April, 2015 at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, New Delhi by the Department of Art and Culture, Government of Meghalaya with financial support of Rs. 2,18,09,718.00 from the North Eastern Council. The festival was inaugurated by the Hon'blePresident of India. The festival showcased the rich cultural ethnicity and dive- rsity of the North East through culturaldances, folk music and folk fusion.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. Tribals from all the eight North Eastern States had participated in thefestival.Cultural dances perfo- rmed in the festival include Bihu Dance of Assam; Tapu Dance of Arunachal Pradesh; Pung-dhon-dholokchollom, Cheiroljagoi& Thang-ta of Manipur; Cheraw Dance of Mizoram; Sangtam War Dance (Chingtinyichi) of Nagaland; SinghiChham Dance of Sikkim; Hoja- giri Dance of Tripura; and Ka Shad Mastieh (Khasi), Wangala (Garo), Chad Pliang (Jaintia), Biya Chai (Koch) &Krisok (Hajong) Dances of Meghalaya. The prominent artists and bands performing in the festival include MonirajHazarika (Assam), Restless Desire (Meghalaya), Fame and Band (Meghalaya), Vinyl Records (Arunachal Pradesh), Frisky Pints (Mizoram), Girish and the Chronicales (Sikkim), Lost and Found (Manipur), SilmanMarak (Meghalaya), 4th Element (Meghalaya), Folk Brothers (Sikkim), Koloma (Tripura), Summer Sault (Meghalaya), BorkungHrangkhawl (Tripura), PhuNingDing− Phu Baba (Assam), Omak Kamut Collective (Arunachal Pradesh), GracylRopmay (Meghalaya), Alobo Naga (Nagaland), Amit Paul (Meghalaya), Soul Mate (Meghalaya), Pynter Orchestra (Megha- laya), Guru RuwbenMashangva (Manipur), Ahohwee (Meghalaya), Tetseo Sisters − Folk Band (Nagaland), Lu Majaw (Meghalaya) and Shillong Chamber Choir (Meghalaya).